

2014 Legislative Session Preview

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Overview

- 60 day session begins January 13th
- Revenue forecast announced on September 18th was up \$345 million for 2013-2015 (\$222 forecast change + \$123 from legislation passed during special session).
- State continues to forecast “slow economic and job growth for state and national economies.”
- Might not enact supplemental operating or capital budgets. Instead, bank additional revenue.
- Next forecast: November 20th
- Possible special session this fall or early winter to address transportation needs.

McCleary Court Decision and Education Funding

- “The state must make ample provision for the education of all children in Washington.”
- How the Legislature addressed the Court's direction:
 - Additional \$1 billion invested
 - Made progress, but long way to go
 - Increases in supplies, class sizes, all-day Kindergarten
 - Delayed COLAs for school employees
- Court deadline of 2018: Approximately \$3.5 billion more
- Joint committee sent report to Court, awaiting response

Carry-over Issues from 2013

- Funding for state and local transportation needs.
- Public safety measures, such as mental health evaluations and gun responsibility.
- Funding for basic health and human services.
- Protection for existing local revenue authorities.
- Addressing disabled parking placard abuse.
- Product stewardship and banning toxins in children's products.

Impact of I-502

- I-502 implementation and medical marijuana.
- State revenues not included in revenue forecast.
- Local share of marijuana taxes.

Process and Next Steps

- City's collaborative legislative agenda development process:
 - Councilmembers and Mayor will review and edit the agenda through the fall, with a plan for council passage in late November or early December.
 - There will be continued meetings with our community partners and participation with AWC.
- State legislative committees meeting through the fall.
- Senate Transportation listening tour ends mid-October.
- Potential for special session on transportation
- Legislative session starts on January 13th and runs for 60 days.